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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

33d Illinois Infantry Veteran Association

PROCTOR, ILLINOIS, Dec. 31, 1912.

COMRADES:

The Regimental Association met in annual reunion at the State Fair grounds on October 9, at 2 p. m. The meeting was called for 10 a. m., but the comrades being absent viewing the Fair, the meeting was postponed until the hour mentioned above.

The most pleasant feature of the meeting was the presence with us of Comrades D. P. Langley of A Co., Lucius Rogers of B Co., Samuel Kyle and M. J. Barnett of K Co. These comrades came from their distant homes to be with us; they had not met with us in reunion since our organization as an Association; and part of them had not seen any comrades since our muster-out in 1865. We remembered them as we knew them as comrades in the service and could not recognize them as the elderly men that they were. They were the same hearty, whole-souled fellows that we knew when we wore the blue and marched to the music of **one** Nation now and forevermore. Company comrades, bunk-mates for years, failed to recognize each other; they were as strangers in our camp, but they had the countersign. The introductions were joyful as well as pathetic; the clasped hands and tearful expressions of the old-time regard were scenes long to be remembered.

Short talks were made by several of the comrades, expressing the pleasure they felt at being able to meet with the comrades again. The shadows of all of us are lengthening as we face the setting sun and march to our final muster-out. We realized as we noted the absence of some of the comrades, who annually met with us, that the time allotted to us for these meetings was fast drawing to an end; that some of the comrades then present in body would meet with us only in spirit at our future meetings. This was more fully recognized when the Secretary read the "Roll of the Dead" for the past year. Our number cannot be increased; it must diminish as the comrades fall by the wayside, their life's work accomplished. A reunited Nation acclaims their achievements and annually the flowers of remembrance and appreciation are placed upon their last resting place, in token of that appreciation for services rendered during the dark days that encompassed the Nation from 1861 to 1865.

President Plecker in his address stated the unfavorable condition of his health, that he could not take as active a part in the work of the Association as he would like to do, and if the comrades thought best to make a change in the office of President he would cheerfully resign the position, that active work

could be carried on, that a larger attendance could be secured for our meetings. He thanked the Association for the honor that had been continuously conferred upon him since 1900.

The Secretary, upon the conclusion of the President's address, said he approved all the President had said as to the desirability of enlarging and continuing the work undertaken; that it had been a pleasure to him to work with President Plecker; that he had given his best efforts to the upbuilding and maintaining the standing of the Association; that sometimes he thought from the limited number of comrades who attended the business part of the meetings that the work of the present officers was not endorsed by the Association, and if a change was desired in the personnel of the officers that he would cheerfully serve in the ranks; that he appreciated the kindness shown to him by the comrades and the many expressions of regard and approval of work accomplished by the Association officers.

Comrade Lemmon of D Co. was recognized by the President and said he believed that the officers had done everything in their power to make the Association a success; that the comrades fully appreciated and endorsed the work accomplished; that he did not think any change at this time was desirable; that he moved a vote of thanks to the officers for their untiring efforts in behalf of the Association. The motion had the unanimous approval of the comrades.

The Secretary laid before the meeting for their consideration an article entitled "The 33d Illinois Infantry in the Civil War, 1861 to 1865", written by Captain J. H. Burnham of A Co. for the "Illinois Historical Society" at the request of the Directors of that society, which was read before that society at its annual meeting in June, 1912. A synopsis of the article was read by the Secretary, and by motion it was made a part of our Regimental history, and ordered printed and distributed to the holders of said history. There being no funds available for this work the following comrades aided by donations in part towards its accomplishment: J. H. Plecker, $3.00; John Lemmon, $3.00; John Enlow, $2.00; D. P. Langley, $2.00; John N. Orr, $1.50; Wm. Swingle, $2.00; Wm. Maple, $1.00; Geo. S. Kuhl, $2.00; M. J. Barnett, $2.00; Samuel Kyle, $1.00; total amount donated, $19.50.

The "Roll of the Dead" (see separate article) was read by the Secretary, as the comrades stood with bowed heads in token of respect to those who have preceded us to that eternal camping ground, where war's alarms never enter.

A delegation from the 21st Illinois Infantry Association gave us a pleasant call, and in a short address Captain M. A. Ewing of that regiment extended to us the good will and pleasant remembrances of the 21st for the 33d in their association with us at Arcadia, Mo., in 1861. The kind greetings were appropriately responded to by President Plecker. Cheers were given by the 21st and responded to by the 33d. Twelve days less than 51 years have passed over these regiments since they stood shoulder to shoulder at Fredericktown, Mo., and successfully defeated the army of Jeff. Thompson. The tie that bound us together at that time, after the passing of these many years, remains unbroken.

The financial report as read for the year is as follows:

Funds on hand as reported January 10, 1912, ...	$24.18
Received since that time, ...	29.13
Total amount received, ...	$53.31

The expense account is as follows:

500 large envelopes	$ 2.50	
300 Roll of the Dead	2.25	
300 Annual Reports	5.50	
500 Record of Re-Burials	12.00	
Postage on Reports	5.32	
Letter Postage	2.70	
Stationery	2.00	
200 badges for 1912 reunion	7.00	
Use of tent for 1912 meeting	3.00	
Total expenses		$42.27
Amount of funds on hand, less amount raised for printing and distributing Burnham article		$11.04

It will be seen by noticing the expense statement in former reports that the amount on hand is not sufficient to print and mail this report to comrades. The amount raised to print and distribute the Burnham article is not sufficient to cover the cost of said work. I have faith in the comrades that the time has not yet arrived when our Association will go into the hands of a receiver through the failure of the comrades to provide sufficient financial ammunition to carry on the battle as undertaken. There are no annual dues provided for in our organization, just a free-will offering is the only means for continuing the work. A small amount from each one receiving the reports would be sufficient to cover the expenses of the Association, and an acknowledgement of the receipt of the reports would be very acceptable to the Secretary.

The comrades and friends as registered in attendance at the reunion are as follows:

A Co.—David P. Langley and wife, William L. Mapel, John Enlow.

B Co.—Lucius Rogers, V. G. Way and wife.

C Co.—Fletcher Brigham.

D Co.—Thomas Howard, Robert A. Barnes and wife, J. H. Merriweather, John N. Orr, John Donnebarger, John Lemmon, J. A. Beaty.

E Co.—James H. Plecker and daughter, Mrs. Leila T. Dignan, William M. Hampton.

F Co.—Piercy Dickinson.

G Co.—A. J. Stevens, J. E. Waldon.

K Co.—J. H. Clifford, Samuel Kyle and wife, M. J. Barnett, J. D. Turner, Geo. S. Kuhl and wife, William Swingle, Lieut. Wm. H. Weaver.

G. L. Finch and Bert Finch, sons of George Finch of A Co.; Geo. F. Way, M. D., wife and daughter; Mrs. C. C. Breckenridge, widow of C. C. Breckenridge; Mrs. Delia Duffield and Jessie Duffield, widow and daughter of W. H. Duffield of K Co.

The reunion adjourned to meet on "Old Soldiers' Day" at the State Fair in 1913.

JAMES H. PLECKER, President.

V. G. WAY, Secretary-Treasurer.

33d Illinois Infantry

ROLL OF THE DEAD

From January 10, 1912, to December 31, 1912

"They heed not, they care not for the loud cannon's rattle,
No sound can awake them to glory again."

FIELD AND STAFF.

Quartermaster Richard B. Fulks, Beardstown, Ill., 24 Jan., 1912.

MUSICIANS.

Charles W. Graen, LaHarp, Kan., 4 Apr., 1912.
Bugler Luther J. Clark, Mexico, N. Y., 25 Oct., 1912.
Fife Major Bradford J. Wakeman, Chebanse, Ill., 21 Dec., 1912.

A CO.

Sergt. Henry A. Whitney, Carbondale, Ill., 21 Apr., 1912.
William J. Hester, Chenoa, Ill., 3 July 1912.
Richard M. Spradling, Kansas National Home, 25 Sept., 1912.

B CO.

Daniel Donovan, Reed City, Mich., —— 1912.
William Biggs, S. and S. Home, Quincy, Ill., — Feb., 1912.

C CO.

Josiah L. Brown, Kearney, Neb., 21 Aug., 1912.

D CO.

Sergt. C. C. Breckenridge, Custer, Ill., 11 May, 1912.
Timothy Regan, Morrisonville, Ill., —— 1911.
Sergt. Daniel C. Pelham, Salisbury, Ill., 2 April, 1912.
William G. R. Ginger, S. & S. Home, Santelle, Cala., 6 June, 1912.

E CO.

Sergt. Charles W. Pratt, S. & S. Home, Danville, Ill., —— 1911.
James C. Brookbank, Clinton, Mo., 11 January, 1912.
Lieut. Albert Coffman, Kennesaw, Neb., 28 Feb., 1912.
James A. Watson, Kirkwood, Ill., 13 May, 1912.
James A. Mitchell, Bend, Oregon, 14 June, 1911.

F CO.

Robert Burns, Minonk, Ill., 13 Nov., 1912.

I CO.

James Broderick, Joliet, Ill., 13 Nov., 1910.
Grafton S. Nutter, Roswell, New Mexico, 21 July, 1912.

K CO.

Capt. Edward L. Higgins, Quincy, Ill., 26 Aug., 1912.

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